Allotment of spectrum to new players

2195. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Government had submitted before the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) that it would allot start up spectrum to the new players;

(b) if so, the names of players which have been issued LOIs and start up spectrum uptill now; and

(c) the criteria adopted to issue start up spectrum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Government has alloted in January, 2008 start up GSM spectrum taking into account availability of spectrum, to some of the licence holders who had been waiting for long time, as well as to some operators permitted for dual technology. A submission to this effect was made in Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal (TDSAT) in December, 2007. For other new players, no such specific submission has been made before the TDSAT. However, on 14.02.2008, TDSAT has observed, *inter-alia* that Government itself is examining the matter of allocation of spectrum to the new licensees at the highest level. The matter is sub-Judice.

(b) The list of operators who have been issued LoIs during January and February, 2008 is given in the Statement (*See* below). No start up spectrum has been allotted to these new players.

(c) The start up/initial spectrum is allotted to the mobile telecom operators based on their request and as per the relevant provisions of their respective Service Licence Agreement, subject to availability of spectrum.

Statement

Company-wise Summary of LoIs Issued Recently for Grant of Uasl

Sl. No.	Name of Company	Number of Lois issued
1	2	3
1	Tata Teleservices Ltd.	3
2	Idea Cellular Ltd.	9
3	Spice Communications Pvt. Ltd.	4
4	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	13
5	S Tel Ltd.	6
6	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.	22
7	Loop Telecom Private Ltd.	21
8	Adonis Projects Pvt. Ltd.	6
9	Aska Projects Ltd.	3
10	Azare Properties Ltd.	1
11	Hudson Properties Ltd.	1
12	Nahan Properties Pvt. Ltd.	6

1	2	3
13	Unitech Builders & Estates Pvt. Ltd.	1
14	Unitech Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd.	1
15	Volga Properties Pvt. Ltd.	3
16	Shyam Telelink Limited	21
17	By Cell Telecommunications India Pvt. Ltd.	5
	TOTAL:	126

NLCPR Fund

2196. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of NEC fund and NLCPR fund sanctioned to different States of the North-Eastern Region during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08;

(b) the amount of these two funds sanctioned to States, but not disbursed as yet, (State-wise break up); and

(c) the reasons for not disbursing the sanctioned amounts?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Under NLCPR and NEC, funds are sanctioned and released against the sanctioned projects in installments. The State-wise break up of funds sanctioned and released to the different States of North-Eastern Region during years 2006-07 and 2007-08 under NLCPR and NEC schemes is given in Statement I and II. (*See* below). All these funds are released to the State Government for implementation of the sanctioned projects.

Statement-I

Funds sanctioned and released against the projects sanctioned under NLCPR during the years 2006-07 *and* 2007-08 *to the NE States (As on* 29.02.2008*)*

Sl. No.	Name of the States	Funds sanctioned/ released during 2006-07	Fund sanctioned/ released during 2007-08 (upto Feb,' 08)
1	Arunachal Pradesh	46.08	77.58
2	Assam	231.04	107.20
3	Manipur	96.02	58.53
4	Meghalaya	38.58	46.85
5	Mizoram	56.46	27.45
6	Nagaland	73.47	61.07
7	Sikkim	59.36	38.17
8	Tripura	98.99	89.39
	TOTAL:	700.00	506.24